



## **Notice of Meeting of the Renewable Energy Policy Group**

The Renewable Energy Policy Group – comprised of senior representatives from the U.S. Department of the Interior, the California Governor's Office, and the California Natural Resources Agency – will discuss issues affecting the timely permitting of large-scale solar thermal power plants and their qualifying for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. The meeting agenda will focus on nine projects currently under joint review by the California Energy Commission and the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or by the California Energy Commission, exclusively. Project developers will present the status of each proposed facility and then identify critical environmental, land-use, or other issues affecting their progress.

Meeting will be held:

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010**

**9:30 a.m.**

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible and Web Conferencing Available)

Members of the Renewable Energy Policy Group are:

- Steve Black, Counselor to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
- Janea Scott, Special Assistant to the Counselor, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Michael Picker, Senior Advisor to the Governor for Renewable Energy Facilities
- Manal Yamout, Special Advisor to the Governor for Renewable Energy Facilities
- Tony Brunello, Deputy Secretary for Climate Change and Energy for the California Natural Resources Agency

In addition, the following senior officials from State and federal agencies will attend this meeting:

- Bob Abbey, Director of the Bureau of Land Management
- Karen Douglas, Chairman of the California Energy Commission
- Jeff Byron, Commissioner, California Energy Commission
- Key staff from State and federal agencies serving as the Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT). (The REAT includes the California Energy Commission, California Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

Other California Energy Commissioners may attend this meeting as well.

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## **Agenda and Scope**

The purpose of this workshop is to identify the permitting issues that must be resolved so that developers of utility-scale renewable energy projects can meet a critical milestone established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: construction must begin by December 31, 2010 for eligibility to receive a federal grant in lieu of an energy tax credit.

A draft agenda and list of the projects to be discussed are attached.

## **Background**

In November 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order [S-14-08](#), directing the California Natural Resources Agency to lead the Energy Commission and Department of Fish and Game in expediting development of Renewable Portfolio Standard-eligible renewable energy resources. The order charges all state agencies to facilitate the timely permitting of renewable energy projects by giving them priority attention.

In March 2009, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Salazar issued Secretarial Order [3285](#), establishing as a priority renewable energy development in appropriate areas of public land. It directs a newly created Energy and Climate Change Task Force – co-chaired by meeting participant Steve Black, Counselor on Energy to the Secretary– to identify and remove obstacles to renewable energy permitting and siting.

The Renewable Energy Policy Group was formed as a result of the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) signed by Governor Schwarzenegger and Secretary of the Interior Salazar on October 12, 2009. This MOU merges the work efforts of both orders and assigns responsibility for accomplishing these orders' mutual objectives to senior policy representatives of the Governor's Office, California Natural Resources Agency, and U.S. Department of the Interior.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a meeting of the Renewable Energy Policy Group and is not an Energy Commission meeting, although Energy Commissioners and staff may participate. The Renewable Energy Policy Group meeting is being held at the Energy Commission's offices.

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Date: January 8, 2010

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### Meeting Agenda

1. Welcoming Remarks [9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.]
2. Solar Millennium (Blythe, Palen & Ridgecrest) [9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.]
3. Next Era (Beacon and Genesis Ford Dry Lake) [10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.]
4. Abengoa Solar (Mojave Solar 1) [11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.]
5. Lunch Break [11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.]
6. BrightSource (Ivanpah) [12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.]
7. Tessera Solar (Calico-Solar 1 & Imperial Valley-Solar 2) [1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.]
8. CEC Permitting Process Review Update - Melissa Jones [2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.]
9. Discussion on Interconnection and Transmission Issues - CAISO/CPUC [2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.]
10. Public Comments [3 p.m.]
11. Closing Remarks

### Project List

<b>Project Name Location</b>	<b>Developer</b>	<b>Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Technology Type</b>
Beacon Solar Energy Kern County	NextEra	250	Energy Commission	Solar Thermal Trough
Ford Dry Lake Riverside County	NextEra	250	Energy Commission/BLM	
Calico Solar (Solar 1 Phases 1&2) San Bernardino County	Tesserra Solar	850	Energy Commission/ BLM	Solar Dish Stirling Engine
Imperial Valley (Solar 2) Imperial County	Tesserra Solar	750	Energy Commission/ BLM	
Mojave Solar 1 San Bernardino County	Abengoa Solar	250	Energy Commission	Solar Thermal Trough
Ivanpah SEGS San Bernardino County	BrightSource	400	Energy Commission/BLM	Solar Thermal Tower
Blythe Solar Power Riverside County	Chevron and Solar Millennium	1,000	Energy Commission/ BLM	Solar Thermal Trough
Palen Solar Power Riverside County	Chevron and Solar Millennium	500	Energy Commission/ BLM	
Ridgecrest Solar Power Kern County	Solar Millennium	250	Energy Commission/ BLM	